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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0723

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORS, EC  
SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN POLICE IDENTIFY BRIZ KILLERS

REF: (A) 77 QUITO 8326; (B) QUITO 371

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1. THE ECUADOREAN POLICE ANNOUNCED JANUARY 31 THAT THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NOVEMBER 29 KIDNAPPING AND SUBSEQUENT KILLING OF QUITO INDUSTRIALIST JOSE ANTONIO BRIZ LOPEZ. THE TWO ARE GIL LOPEZ MONSALVE AND KLEBER GIA BUSTAMENTE, BOTH AT LARGE.

2. THE NATIONAL CHAMBERS (OF INDUSTRIES) HAVE OFFERED 250,000 SUCRES (APPROX. \$10,000 US) FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF LOPEZ AND GIA.

3. IN THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT THE POLICE MADE NO EXPLANATION OF THE EARLIER ARRESTS AND RELEASES OF SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED QUITO CITIZENS AND PROVIDED NO INFORMATION AS TO MOTIVES (OTHER THAN FINANCIAL) FOR THE KIDNAPPING. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. LOPEZ WAS INVOLVED IN THE 1969 HIJACKING TO CUBA OF AN ECUADOREAN COMMERCIAL AIRLINER. IN THE SAME YEAR HE TRAVELLED TO THE USSR AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ECUADOREAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE). HE WAS IN CUBA FROM 1969-1970 AND MARRIED A CUBAN WOMAN WHO RETURNED WITH

HIM TO ECUADOR. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AT THIS TIME THAT LOPEZ' INVOLVEMENT IN THE BRIZ KIDNAPPING HAD ANY POLITICAL MOTIVATION.

5. REF B ASKED FOR HELP IDENTIFYING THE PAIR WHO HIJACKED A SAETA COMMERCIAL AIRLINER TO CUBA ON JAN. 18. THE ECUADOREAN POLICE SUSPECT THAT LOPEZ MAY BE THE HIJACKER. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED REF B, I.E., THAT IF POSSIBLE THE USG ENDEAVOR TO FIND THE CORRECT NAMES OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAETA HIJACKING.  
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